

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1(currently amended). A material for the storage of hydrogen comprising :
a plurality of bundles comprising single wall carbon nanotubes, wherein ~~a majority of~~
~~diameters of the single wall carbon nanotubes range from 0.4 to 1.0 nm~~, ~~greater than~~
75 percent of the diameters of the single wall carbon nanotubes range from 0.4 to 0.8
nanometers and the average length of the single wall carbon nanotubes is less than or equal to
1000 nm and wherein the heat ($-\Delta H$) of hydrogen adsorption of the material is within the
range from 5.3 kcal/mole H₂ to 7kcal/mole H₂.

2(original). The material of claim 1 wherein the average length is less than or equal
to 500 nm.

3(original). The material of claim 1 wherein the average length is less than or equal
to 200 nm.

4(currently amended). The material of claim 1 wherein the ~~majority of the diameters~~
~~of the single wall nanotubes range from 0.4 to 0.8 nanometers~~ material comprises less
than 5 weight percent of metals.

5(original). The material of claim 4 wherein the average length is less than or equal
to 500.

6(currently amended). The material of claim 1 wherein ~~greater than 75 percent of~~
~~the diameters of the single wall carbon nanotubes range from 0.4 to 1.0 nanometers~~
the material comprises less than 5 weight percent of carbon in any form other than single wall
nanotubes.

7(cancelled).

8(cancelled).

9(currently amended). The material of claim [8] 1 wherein each bundle comprises at least 7 single wall carbon nanotubes.

10(currently amended). The material of claim [8] 1 wherein each bundle comprises at least 100 single wall carbon nanotubes.

11(currently amended). The material of claim [8] 1 wherein the distance between the single wall carbon nanotubes in the bundles is between from 0.3 to 0.4 nm.

12(cancelled).

13(cancelled).

14(cancelled).

15(currently amended). A process for the storage and release of hydrogen in a vessel comprising ~~single wall carbon nanotubes wherein the majority of diameters of the single wall carbon nanotubes range from 0.4 to 1.0 nm, and the average length of the single wall carbon nanotubes is less than or equal to 1000 nm~~ a plurality of bundles comprising single wall carbon nanotubes, wherein greater than 75 percent of the diameters of the single wall carbon nanotubes range from 0.4 to 0.8 nanometers and the average length of the single wall carbon nanotubes is less than or equal to 1000 nm and wherein the heat ($-\Delta H$) of hydrogen adsorption of the material is within the range from 5.3 kcal/mole H₂ to 7kcal/mole H₂; wherein said process is selected from the group consisting of: pressure swing adsorption, temperature swing adsorption or pressure and temperature swing adsorption.

16(currently amended). A process for the storage and release of hydrogen comprising the steps of:

providing a vessel comprising single wall carbon nanotubes ~~wherein the majority of the diameters of the single wall carbon nanotubes of the assembly range from 0.4 to 1.0 nm, and the average length of the single wall carbon nanotubes is less than or equal to 1000 nm; comprising a plurality of bundles comprising single wall carbon nanotubes, wherein greater than 75 percent of the diameters of the single wall carbon nanotubes range from 0.4 to 0.8 nanometers and the average length of the single wall carbon nanotubes is less than or equal to 1000 nm and wherein the heat (- ΔH) of hydrogen adsorption of the material is within the range from 5.3 kcal/mole H₂ to 7kcal/mole H₂~~

introducing hydrogen into the vessel while increasing the pressure to a sorption pressure; and

discharging the hydrogen from the vessel by decreasing the pressure from the sorption pressure to a desorption pressure.

17(original). The process of claim 16 further comprising the steps of:

cooling the single wall carbon nanotubes to a sorption temperature while performing said introducing step; and

heating the single wall carbon nanotubes from a sorption temperature to a desorption temperature while performing said discharging step.

18(original). The process of claim 16 further comprising the steps of:

cooling the single wall carbon nanotubes while performing said introducing step.

heating the single wall carbon nanotubes while performing said discharging step.

19(original). The process of claim 16 wherein the desorption pressure is in the range from 1 to 200 psia, and sorption pressure is in the range from 50 to 5000 psia.

20(original). The process of claim 16 wherein the desorption pressure is in the range from 14 to 50 psia, and sorption pressure is in the range from 100 to 1000 psia.

21(original). The process of claim 17 wherein the desorption temperature is in the range from 273 to 473 K and the sorption temperature is in the range from 243 to 353 K.

22(original). The process of claim 17 wherein the desorption temperature is in the range from 293 to 363 K and the sorption temperature is in the range from 273 to 323 K.

23(original). The process of claim 17 wherein the desorption pressure is in the range from 14 to 50 psia, the sorption pressure is in the range from 200 to 1000 psia, the desorption temperature is in the range from 323 to 363 K, and the sorption temperature is in the range from 273 to 323 K.

24(currently amended). A process for the storage and release of hydrogen comprising the steps of:

providing a vessel comprising single wall carbon nanotubes ~~wherein the majority of the diameters of the single wall carbon nanotubes of the assembly range from 0.4 to 1.0 nm, and the average length of the single wall carbon nanotubes is less than or equal to 1000 nm;~~ comprising a plurality of bundles comprising single wall carbon nanotubes, wherein greater than 75 percent of the diameters of the single wall carbon nanotubes range from 0.4 to 0.8 nanometers and the average length of the single wall carbon nanotubes is less than or equal to 1000 nm and wherein the heat ($-\Delta H$) of hydrogen adsorption of the material is within the range from 5.3 kcal/mole H₂ to 7kcal/mole H₂

introducing hydrogen into the vessel while decreasing the temperature to a sorption temperature, and

discharging the hydrogen from the vessel by increasing the temperature from the sorption temperature to a desorption temperature.

25(cancelled).

26(cancelled).

27(cancelled).

28(cancelled).

29(cancelled).

30(cancelled).

31(cancelled).

32(cancelled).

33(cancelled).

34(cancelled).

35(cancelled).

36(cancelled).

37(currently amended). A process for the storage and release of hydrogen in a vessel comprising single wall carbon nanotubes ~~wherein the majority of the diameters of the single wall carbon nanotubes range from 0.4 to 1.0 nm, and the heat ($-\Delta H$) of hydrogen adsorption of the single wall carbon nanotubes is within the range from 4 kcal/mole H₂ to 8 kcal/mole H₂, comprising a plurality of bundles comprising single wall carbon nanotubes, wherein greater than 75 percent of the diameters of the single wall carbon nanotubes range from 0.4 to 0.8 nanometers and the average length of the single wall carbon nanotubes is less than or equal to 1000 nm and wherein the heat ($-\Delta H$) of hydrogen adsorption of the material is within the range from 5.3 kcal/mole H₂ to 7kcal/mole H₂ wherein said process is selected from the group consisting of:~~

pressure swing adsorption, temperature swing adsorption or pressure and temperature swing adsorption.

38(currently amended). A process for the storage of hydrogen comprising the steps of:

providing a vessel comprising single wall carbon nanotubes ~~wherein the majority of the diameters of the single wall carbon nanotubes of the assembly range from 0.4 to 1.0 nm, and the heat (- ΔH) of hydrogen adsorption of the single wall carbon nanotubes is within the range from 4 kcal/mole H₂ to 8 kcal/mole H₂;~~
comprising a plurality of bundles comprising single wall carbon nanotubes, wherein greater than 75 percent of the diameters of the single wall carbon nanotubes range from 0.4 to 0.8 nanometers and the average length of the single wall carbon nanotubes is less than or equal to 1000 nm and wherein the heat (- ΔH) of hydrogen adsorption of the material is within the range from 5.3 kcal/mole H₂ to 7kcal/mole H₂

introducing hydrogen into the vessel while increasing the pressure to a sorption pressure; and

discharging the hydrogen from the vessel by decreasing the pressure from the sorption pressure to a desorption pressure.

39(original). The process of claim 38 further comprising the steps of:

cooling the single wall carbon nanotubes to a sorption temperature while performing said introducing step; and

heating the single wall carbon nanotubes from the sorption temperature to a desorption temperature while performing said discharging step.

40(original). The process of claim 38 further comprising the steps of:

cooling the single wall carbon nanotubes while performing said introducing step.

heating the single wall carbon nanotubes while performing said discharging step.

41(original). The process of claim 38 wherein the desorption pressure is in the range from 1 to 200 psia, and sorption pressure is in the range from 50 to 5000 psia.

42(original). The process of claim 38 wherein the desorption pressure is in the range from 14 to 50 psia, and sorption pressure is in the range from 100 to 1000 psia.

43(original). The process of claim 39 wherein the desorption temperature is in the range from 273 to 473 K and the sorption temperature is in the range from 243 to 353 K.

44(original). The process of claim 39 wherein the desorption temperature is in the range from 293 to 363 K and the sorption temperature is in the range from 273 to 323 K.

45(original). The process of claim 39 wherein the desorption pressure is in the range from 14 to 50 psia, the sorption pressure is in the range from 200 to 1000 psia, the desorption temperature is in the range from 323 to 363 K, and the sorption temperature is in the range from 273 to 323 K.

46(cancelled).

47(currently amended). A process for the storage and release of hydrogen comprising the steps of:

providing a vessel housing single wall carbon nanotubes ~~wherein the majority of the diameters of the individual nanotubes of the assembly range from 0.4 to 1.0 nm, and the heat ($-\Delta H$) of hydrogen adsorption of the single wall carbon nanotubes is within the range from 4 kcal/mole H₂ to 8 kcal/mole H₂, comprising a plurality of bundles comprising single wall carbon nanotubes, wherein greater than 75 percent of the diameters of the single wall carbon nanotubes range from 0.4 to 0.8 nanometers and the average length of the single wall carbon nanotubes is less than or equal to 1000 nm and wherein the heat ($-\Delta H$) of hydrogen adsorption of the material is within the range from 5.3 kcal/mole H₂ to 7kcal/mole H₂ and~~

introducing hydrogen into the vessel while decreasing the temperature to a sorption temperature, and

discharging the hydrogen from the vessel by decreasing the pressure from the sorption pressure to a desorption pressure.

48(new). A hydrogen storage material comprising :
a plurality of bundles comprising single wall carbon nanotubes, wherein the diameter of the single wall carbon nanotubes are less than 7 angstroms and wherein the adsorption energy ($-\Delta E$) of the material is greater than 4.8 kcal/mole.